(c) The Power from the project would be fed into the grid and the distribution of electricity to various locations within the State is in the purview of the concerned State Electricity Board.

Report of the National Working Group on Power

4513. SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY :
SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Working Group on Power has stated that the widening gap in supply and demand and entering of foreign companies alone is not the cure and Government should ensure reasonable level of power addition over the years in the industrial and agricultural sectors in the country ; and

(b) if so, what action plan Government envisage for increasing the power situation in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Yes Sir. It is a fact that a group of persons who were earlier associated with power sector, have constituted themselves as 'the National Working Group on Power' and have suggested other measures in addition to entry of private sector for meeting the widening gap in supply and demand.

(b) Besides undertaking a capacity addition programme through public and private sector efforts, the various measures being taken to increase power availability in the country include maximisation of generation from the existing units, implementation of renovation and modernisation programme, reduction in transmission and distribution losses, effective load management and energy conservation measures.

Funding of Power Projects in India by Japan

4514. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
SHRI S. MADHAVAN :
SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Japan has recently agreed to fund power projects in India, including transportation and conservation of environment ; and

(b) if so, which are the areas that have been selected for locating power projects in the country, including transportation field ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) A credit of 68.25 billion Yen equivalent to about Rs. 1800 crores has been agreed to in January, 1994 for being provided by OECF of Japan for the following three power projects :

Sl. No.	Name of Project/ Location	Implementing Agency	Capacity (MW)	Aid Amount (in Billion Yen.)
1.	Faridabad Gas Based Thermal Power Plant, Distt. Faridabad, Haryana	National Thermal Power Corporation	400	23.54
2.	Bakreshwar Coal based Thermal Power Plant, Distt. Birbhum, West Bengal	West Bengal Power Development Corporation	420	27.07
3.	Anpara 'B' Coal Based Power Plant, Distt. Sonebhadra, Uttar Pradesh (On-going project-Additional tranche of loan)	Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board	1000	17.64